

TRANSLATION
(excerpt)

**Eighteenth Corona Control Ordinance Rhineland-Palatinate (18th CoBeLVO)
of 20 March 2021**

Based on § 32 sentence 1 in connection with § 28 para. 1 sentence 1 and 2, § 28a para. 1 and § 29, and § 30 para. 1 sentence 2 of the Infection Prevention and Control Act (...) as amended by Article 4a of the Act, dated 21 December 2020 (...) in conjunction with § 1 No. 1 of the State Ordinance on the Implementation of the Infection Prevention and Control Act (...) it is decreed:

**Part 1
General Protective Measures**

§ 1

(1) Each person is encouraged to reduce to a minimum closer and longer contacts to other persons and to keep the circle of persons to whom closer or longer contacts as constant as possible. Private gatherings held in one's own dwelling or other closed premises are to be limited to members of their own household and persons of one further household, no more than 5 persons; in both households children up to and including the age of 14 are excluded in determining the number of persons. Household includes the spouse or partner, not residing in the same household. The parent not living in a domestic community is permitted to continue exercising his parental visitation right. Insofar as required by compelling personal reasons, in particular if adequate care for minors or persons in need of care is not feasible, taking full advantage of all reasonable possibilities, the presence of several persons of another household is permitted. Where possible, assemblies should preferably be held outdoors. Persons with symptoms of a respiratory infection (in particular cough, cold symptoms, fever) should stay at home if possible, they are generally to be denied access to facilities, events, and gatherings.

(2) When meeting other persons in public, a minimum distance of 1.5 meters shall be kept, unless otherwise stated in this Ordinance (**distance requirement**). Sentence 1 also applies if a mouth-nose cover is worn. Sentence 1 does not apply to contacts at which persons shortly have to meet, *e.g.*, use of public transportation as well as voluntary work to provide for the population.

(3) A mouth-nose covering shall be worn in enclosed rooms, which are publically accessible or open to visitors or customers. Additionally, this applies to all places open to the public, including in open-air public spaces, where people meet either in a confined space or not only temporarily. The determination of the places referred to in sentence 2 and the determination of a temporal scope of the obligation to wear a mouth-nose covering is the responsibility of the competent district administration, in district-free cities of the city administration as a county regulatory authority. Besides that a mouth-nose covering shall be worn insofar as this Ordinance stipulates it (**mask requirement**).

(4) The distance requirement and the mask requirement do not apply to

1. children up to the age of six are exempt.
2. persons for whom wearing a cover over mouth and nose is impossible or unreasonable due to a disability or for health-related reasons; this has to be verified by a medical certificate.
3. communication with persons with a hearing or visual impairment or for identification purposes or in connection with the performance of judicial tasks as long as it is necessary,
4. employees of the facilities, if other appropriate protective measures are taken or as long as there is no contact to customers or visitors.

(5) Where in public or commercial facilities or in the immediate vicinity of such facilities an accumulation of persons can be expected, the proprietor of the facility or the organizer of a meeting, gathering, or other get-together shall take measures to comply with the distance requirement, in particular to control access, for example, by affixing clearly visible distance markings at a distance of at least 1.5 meters. In waiting situations the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 shall apply.

(6) In public or commercial facilities special hygiene measures should be provided, such as the provision of disinfectants, increased cleaning intervals, separating devices and similar measures.

(7) Insofar as this Ordinance requires a limitation of persons, in a facility

- a) having a customer or visitor accessible store size of up to 800 sqm, there is total of no more than 1 person per 10 sqm of customer accessible store size,
- b) having a customer or visitor accessible store size of more than 801 sqm up to a total of 2,000 sqm, there is on a size of 800 sqm no more than 1 person per 10 sqm of customer or visitor accessible store size, and on the size exceeding 800 sqm no more than 1 person per 20 sqm of customer or visitor accessible store size and
- c) having a customer or visitor accessible store size or more than 2,001 sqm, there is on a size of 800 sqm no more than 1 person per 10 sqm of customer or visitor accessible store size, on the size exceeding 800 sqm up to a size of 2,000 sqm no more than 1 person per 20 sqm of customer or visitor accessible store size, and on the size exceeding 2,000 sqm no more than 1 person per 40 sqm of customer or visitor accessible store size.

(limitation of persons)

(8) The proprietor of the facility or the initiator of an assembly or other gathering has to ensure contact traceability, where expressly required in this Ordinance. If contact details are provided to the person obliged to collect data, they must be truthful and allow for contact tracking (**contact recording**). Contact details, ensuring accessibility of the person (name, first name, address, telephone number) as well as the date and time of the person's presence, have to be recorded in compliance with data protection law. The person obligated to collect the data has to verify that the provided contact details are complete and whether they contain obviously incorrect information (**plausibility check**). Persons who refuse to provide their contact details or who provide obviously incorrect or incomplete information shall be excluded from visiting or using the facility or participating in an assembly or get-together by the proprietor of the facility or the initiator of an assembly or other gathering. Those obliged to collect data shall ensure that

unauthorized persons do not become aware of the data collected. The data shall not be used for any purpose other than the delivery upon request to the competent health authority and shall be deleted four weeks after collection. Data retention obligations resulting from other laws remain unaffected. The person obligated to conduct the data collection may offer a digital collection of the data referenced in sentence 2. The data protection requirements (especially in the case of the external storage of data) and the complete data protection-compliant deletion of the data after four weeks must be ensured under that person's own responsibility. Additionally, upon request the data shall be made available at any time to the competent health authority free of charge, on request also paper-bound, in a format usable by the agency. Persons who do not consent to digital data collection have to be offered in any case a paper-based data collection. The competent public health authority can demand information about the guests' contact details, insofar as it is necessary to fulfil its duties under the provisions of the Infection Prevention and Control Act (IfSG) and its tasks under this Ordinance; the data has to be released immediately. Data transmitted to the competent public health authority have to be irreversibly deleted by the latter immediately as soon as the data is no longer required for fulfillment of its tasks.

(9) In the cases specified in this Ordinance, in which this provision is referenced, the required test for the presence of the Corona Virus SARS CoV-2 shall be carried out

1. by a PoC antigen test by trained personnel (rapid test) approved by the Federal Institute for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices and listed on the website
https://www.bfarm.de/DE/Medizinprodukte/Antigentests/_node.html, or

2. by a PoC antigen test for self-application (self-test), approved by the Federal Institute for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices and listed on the website
https://www.bfarm.de/DE/Medizinprodukte/Antigentests/_node.html

(obligation to test).

In the case of testing pursuant to sentence 1 No. 1, the test shall not have been carried out more than 24 hours ago and the result has to be confirmed by the body carrying out the test; the confirmation has to be presented before entering the facility.

In the case of a test pursuant to sentence 1 No. 2, the test shall be carried out by the patron in the presence of a person appointed by the operator of the establishment, before entering the facility. The operator of the facility shall, upon request, confirm the result and time of the test pursuant to sentence 1 No. 2 to the patron.

The form attached to this Ordinance as Annex 1 shall be used for confirming test results of the rapid test or self-test.

The test obligation is deemed to have been fulfilled if the patron provides to the operator of the facility a confirmation pursuant to sentence 4 about a negative test, not older than 24 hours, pursuant to with sentence 1 No. 2. The operator of the facility shall only grant the patron access to the facility in the event of a negative test result.

(10) The hygiene concepts published on the website of the State government (www.corona.rlp.de) have to be observed as amended. If no hygiene concepts for individual facilities or measures are published on the website of the State government or the departmental ministries, hygiene concepts of comparable facilities or life conditions shall apply accordingly.

(11) Exemptions from the provisions of paragraphs 2 to 9 may, in justified individual cases, be granted, upon request and subject to conditions by the competent district administration, in district-free cities by the city administration as a district regulatory authority, insofar as the level of protection is comparable, this is justifiable from an epidemiological point of view, in particular taking into account the current infections, and the purpose of this ordinance is not affected.

Part 2

Assemblies, events and accumulation of persons

§ 2

(1) The stay in public space is only permitted

1. alone or with members of one's own household or
 2. additionally with person of another household; no more than 5 persons in total
- children up to and including the age of 14 are excluded in determining the number of persons.

Household includes the spouse or partner, not residing in the same household. The parent not living in a domestic community is permitted to continue exercising his parental visitation right. § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 does not apply. Insofar as required by compelling personal reasons, in particular if adequate care for minors or persons in need of care is not feasible, taking full advantage of all reasonable possibilities, the presence of several persons of another household is permitted.

(2) Permitted are:

1. assemblies for business, professional or official reasons, in which persons must work in close direct contact, including personnel and company meetings and meetings of collective bargaining partners, the necessary management of agricultural and forestry land, as well as for reasons relevant to education, examinations or care
2. assemblies at offices and institutions carrying out public tasks.

§ 1 para. 2 sentence 1 does not apply to assemblies pursuant to sentence 1. The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 applies. In written examinations lasting several hours in the context of state examinations, which take place in person, the mask requirement at the seat may be waived following the decision of the examining body; in this case, the distance requirement shall apply pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1.

(3) Subject to conditions, in particular the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 as well as the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4, gatherings in open air may be permitted by the competent authority under the Assembly Act, provided that this is justifiable in individual cases from an epidemiological point of view.

(4) Assemblies of persons intended to serve the maintenance of public security and order, the administration of justice (including Notars and law firms), the preparation and conduct of public elections, in particular constituency conferences and representative assemblies, the holding of blood donation appointments, the conduct of examinations at higher education institutions and the conduct of competitions for restricted courses of study, in particular study aptitude tests, or the provision of services of essential supply are permitted taking into account the general protective measures pursuant to § 1. In institutions serving in the administration of justice (including notaries and law firms) and in case of accumulations for the administration of justice, a medical face mask (OP mask) or a mask of the standards KN95/N95 or FFP2 or a comparable standard is to be worn in general when in contact with other persons. In the case of public elections in polling stations and their immediate access, the mask requirement shall apply pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4, provided that a medical mask (OP mask) or a mask of the standards KN95/N95 or FFP2 or a comparable standard has to be worn; § 1 para. 4 remains unaffected. At public elections, the Electoral Board has the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 for persons who are at the polling station on the basis of the principle of publicity.

(5) At accumulations of persons, the following persons may participate as mourners at funerals:

1. the deceased's spouse, civil partner or companion, fiancée or fiancé
2. persons who are related to the deceased in the first or second degrees as well as their spouses, or civil partners, and
3. persons of one other household.

In addition to the group of persons referred to in sentence 1, other persons may also participate if compliance with the limitation of persons pursuant to § 1 para. 7 is ensured. The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 shall apply.

(6) In addition to the persons to be wed, the registrar, other persons required for the marriage and two marriage witnesses, the following persons may participate at civil weddings:

1. persons who are related to the newlyweds in the first or second degrees as well as their spouses, or civil partners, and
2. persons of one other household.

All persons present, with the exception of the persons to be wed, are subject to the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4.

(7) Meetings of self-help groups belonging to

1. a welfare association of the LIGA of Free Welfare Care in Rhineland-Palatinate e.V.

2. registered in the databases of the Members of the KISS LAG
3. member organizations of the State Working Group on Self-Help for Disabled People Rhineland-Palatinate e.V. or
4. organizations of persons with disabilities in accordance with § 3 para. 5 of the State Inclusion Act of 17 December 2020 (GVBl. p. 719, BS 87-1) as amended.

and deal with coping mental stress situations, an own illness or a relative's illness are allowed subject to compliance with the general protective measures. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 shall apply.

(8) Any further assembly of persons or events in public spaces or in rented or made available rooms, not covered in special provisions of this Ordinance, is prohibited subject to the right of self-organization of the Landtag and the local authorities.

(9) The consumption of alcoholic beverages in public spaces is prohibited.

(10) Exceptions to the provisions of paragraphs 1 to 8 may upon request and on a justified case-by-case basis be granted by the competent county administration, in district-free cities by the city administration as a district regulatory authority, insofar as the level of protection is comparable, this is justifiable from an epidemiological point of view, in particular taking into account the current infections, and the purpose of this ordinance is not affected.

Part 3 Worship

§ 3

(1) Church services by religious communities or congregations of faith, or meetings that are required for self-organization or legislation are permitted subject to general protective measure, in particular adherence to the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1. Community or choral singing is not permitted. If several services are held in succession, a period of at least one hour between the end and the beginning of the respective service should be kept free. The use of instrumental music without increased aerosol output is permitted.

(2) The religious communities or congregations of faith ensure that chains of infection can be traced quickly and completely for a period of four week. Church services and gatherings by religious communities or congregations of faith having the character of a larger event are prohibited. A registration requirement shall be introduced for gatherings where visitor numbers are expected which could lead to reaching full capacity. Religious communities and congregations ensure that gatherings of persons in publicly accessible or reserved areas of the facility, which are used by a majority of persons, are avoided by controlling access. They are obliged to cooperate with the competent public health authority with regard to contact tracking in the event of infections.

(3) In enclosed rooms the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 applies, subject to the proviso that a medical face mask (OP mask) or mask of the standards KN95/N95 or FFP2 or a comparable standard is to be worn by the participants. Excluded are clergypersons as well as lecturers, prayer leaders, cantors and pre-singers subject to additional safety measures, specified in the infection protection concepts of the religious or faith communities.

(4) The religious communities or congregations of faith or their umbrella organizations create infection protection concepts, which regulate the details of protective measures, in particular ensuring contact tracking, and submit them to the competent public health authority upon request.

Part 4 Economy

§ 4

Prohibition of opening or carry out

It is prohibited to open or to carry out

1. clubs, discotheques, and similar facilities.
2. Fairgrounds, fairs and similar facilities,
3. prostitution trade within the meaning of § 2 para. 3 of the Prostitute Protection Act (ProstSchG) of 21 October 2016 (Federal Law Gazette Part I p. 2372) as amended.

§ 5

Conditions for opening up of public or commercial establishments

Public or commercial establishments are open subject to compliance with the general protective measures, unless otherwise specified in this Ordinance. Subject to the provisions of § 2 para. 4, the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4, with the proviso that a medical face mask (OP mask) or a mask of the standards KN95/N95 or FFP2 or a comparable standard shall be worn, and the limitation of persons pursuant to § 1 para. 7. The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 also applies in the immediate vicinity of the facility or in parking lots. Notwithstanding sentence 2, the limitation of persons pursuant to § 1 para. 7 does not apply to

1. to agencies and institutions performing public service tasks
2. on stands at weekly markets
3. in face-to-face consultations, if only persons belonging to a maximum of two households are in one room

§ 6

Restrictions on services, ban on operations

(1) In all workplaces and establishments and learning locations pursuant to § 5 para. 2 No. 6 Vocational Training Act (BBiG) of 4 May 2000 (BGB. I p. 920) as amended or § 26 para. 2 No. 6 Handcrafts Code (HwO) amended on 24 September 1998 (BGBl. I p. 3074; 2006 I p. 2095) as amended, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 applies. Sentence 1 does not apply between the persons employed there, provided that the minimum distance of 1.5 meters within the meaning of § 1 para. 2 can be observed at the respective place of work or permanent establishment. Occupational health and safety provisions remain unaffected.

(2) Service providers and craftsmen enterprises are permitted to pursue their activities subject to compliance with the general protective measures. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 as well as the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 have to be observed.

(3) It is permissible to provide services close to the body for medical and hygienic reasons, such as, in particular, those of opticians, hearing care professionals, barbers, hairdressers, foot care and podiatry, physiotherapy, occupational and speech therapy, rehabilitation sports and functional training within the meaning of § 64 para. 1 No. 3 and 4 of the Ninth Book of the Social Code or the like. In addition to sentence 1, services in the field of personal care are permitted, such as in nail salons, beauty salons, massage parlors, tattoo studios, piercing studios and similar facilities. For services in accordance with sentences 1 and 2, the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 between customers, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4, with the proviso that a medical face mask (OP mask) or a mask of the standards KN95/N95 or FFP2 or a comparable standard is to be worn, as well as the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 shall apply.

(4) If a mask cannot be worn because of the nature of a service referred to in paragraph 3, such as in certain cosmetic applications or beard shaving, the obligation to test pursuant to § 1 para. 9 applies. In addition, a test concept for the staff is required. Sentence 1 does not apply to services provided for medical reasons.

(5) All medical treatments are allowed. Health care facilities remain open under observance of the necessary hygiene and safety measures. In waiting situations together with other persons the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 shall apply, subject to the proviso that a medical face mask (OP mask) or a mask of the standards KN95/N95 or FFP2 or a comparable standard is to be worn.

§ 7 Catering trade

(1) Closed are catering facilities, particularly

1. restaurants, eateries, bars, pubs, cafes, hookah bars, and similar facilities,
2. ice cream parlors, ice cream cafes and similar establishment,
3. Vinothèques, tasting rooms and similar facilities,
4. Offers of day trips on excursion boats, including the gastronomic offer, and similar facilities.

Pick-up, delivery and drop-off services as well as street sales (no serving of alcohol) and outlet/producer sales are permitted. The general protective measures, particularly the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 and the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 apply.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph 1, the opening of outdoor dining establishments pursuant to paragraph 1 is permitted in compliance with general protective measures, the maintenance of a hygiene concept and the provisions of sentences 2 and 3. Applicable are

1. to the guests at different tables as well as in waiting situations the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1,
2. to guests and staff, the mask obligation pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 subject to the proviso that a medical mask (OP mask) or a mask of the standards KN95/N95 or FFP2 or a comparable standard is worn; for guests, the mask is expendable directly at the seat.
3. the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1
4. access control by way of advance booking, and
5. the obligation to test pursuant to § 1 para. 9 sentence 1.

Catering can only take place at the table with a fixed seat number and in compliance with the contact restrictions pursuant to § 2 para. 1. Catering at the counter is not permitted.

(3) Canteens and refectories which exclusively supply the facility concerned are open only in accordance with the sentences 2 to 6 and subject to observing the general protective measures. Consumption of food and beverages on the premises of the canteen or refectory in daycare centers and schools shall be permitted in accordance with the protective measures in force in those establishments. Otherwise, this is only permitted if the working procedures or the spatial situation of the establishment or facility so require. In the cases referred to in sentence 3, the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 shall apply. The mask obligation pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 is only waived at the seat. Otherwise, paragraph 1 sentence 2 and 3 apply accordingly.

§ 8

Hotel industry, accommodation establishments

(1) Closed are accommodation establishments, particularly

1. hotels, hotel garni, guesthouses, inns, and similar facilities
2. holiday homes, holiday apartments, private quarters, and similar facilities
3. hostels, recreation, holiday and training homes, holiday centers, and similar facilities
4. campsites, motorhome pitches, caravan parks and similar facilities.

If necessary, they may only open to non-tourist travel, in compliance with general protective measures.

(2) The obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 applies to the contact details of all guests. The obligation to retain pursuant to § 30 para. 4 of the Federal Registration Act remains unaffected.

(3) In all publically accessible areas of the facility the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 as well as indoors the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 apply. By access control the person who runs the facility has to prevent the accumulation of persons in publically accessible areas of the facility or areas reserved for guests that are used by a majority of persons.

(4) The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 apply to the gastronomic offers for the supply of non-tourist travelers in the facility. The mask obligation pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 is only waived at the seat. The other provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the provision of services, leisure, sports, and wellness activities.

§ 9

Use of means of transport, school transport.

(1) General protective measure, in particular the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 subject to the proviso that a medical face mask (OP mask) or mask of the standards KN95/N95 or FFP2 or a comparable standard is to be worn, shall apply when using local and long-distance public transport and commercial passenger traffic at airports and associated facilities like for example staying at stops, on platforms or at air traveler check-ins. Sentence 1 also applies to exempted student transport and other passenger transport in accordance with the Exemption Ordinance of 30 August 1962 as amended as well as to taxi and rental car services. Ticket sales by the driver are only possible if there are separating divider in the vehicles. The sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on public transportation is prohibited.

(2) Transport of students in accordance with § 69 of the School Act (SchulG) or § 33 of the Private School Act (PrivSchG) shall not be refused on the ground that these do not wear a mask.

(3) The operation of cable cars, chairlifts and similar facilities can be carried out in compliance with protective measures in accordance with paragraph 1.

(4) The performance of coach trips, boat trips or similar offers is prohibited.

Part 5

Sports and Leisure Time

§ 10

Sports

(1) Training and competition in amateur and recreational sports are prohibited, unless otherwise specified in this Ordinance. Notwithstanding sentence 1, permitted are outdoors and on all public and private uncovered sports facilities

1. contact-free training individually or with respect to the contact restriction pursuant to § 2 para.
2. contact-free training in small groups up to a maximum of ten persons and a trainer in compliance with the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1,
3. training in groups of up to 20 children up to and including 14 years and a trainer

When exercising pursuant to sentence 2

1. spectators are not allowed; except for first or second degree relatives at sporting activities of minors.
2. the use of common areas, including rooms for changing and showers, is not permitted; the individual use of restrooms is permitted.
3. the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 applies for the training according to numbers 2 and 3.

(2) Swimming pools and fun pools, saunas, thermal baths, gyms, dancing schools, and similar facilities are closed.

(3) Training and competition of professional and top-level sport is permitted on public and private sports facilities, provided that a hygiene concept drawn up by the sports federations or league managers is available and complied with. Spectators are not allowed. Top-level and professional sport within the meaning of sentence 1 are practiced by:

1. Federal and State squad athletes in Olympic disciplines (Olympic squads, perspective squads, supplementary squads, junior squad 1, junior squad 2, state squads) as well as federal and State squad athletes in Paralympic disciplines (Paralympic squads, perspective squads, supplementary squads, team squads, junior squad 1, junior squads 2, State squads), Federal squad athletes in deaflympian sports (Deaflympicskader, expansion squad, junior squad) as well as federal and state squad athletes in non-Olympic sports (A-squad, B-squad, C-squad and D/C squad), which are recognized by the relevant federal or state federations.

2. teams of all Olympic and Paralympic sports of the 1st-3rd leagues as well as the regional league in men's football. In addition, professional teams in non-Olympic and non-Paralympic sports. Professional sport is the paid full-time activity of professional athletes in corporations or in the commercial enterprises of clubs.

3. teams of the highest leagues of the youth and junior age group U 17 or older as well as players of the Federal and State squads of the age groups U 15 and U 16, provided that the teams or players train at a young professionals performance center certified by the competent top professional association.

4. economically independent, club unaffiliated or association unaffiliated professional athletes without federal squad status, as well as

5. other athletes who have already qualified for the upcoming European and World Championships or who can qualify in 2020 or 2021.

§ 11

Leisure Time

(1) Closed are:

1. trade fairs, special markets, and similar facilities
2. amusement parks and similar facilities
3. gambling hall, casinos, bet agencies and similar facilities.

Notwithstanding sentence 1 No. 3, betting agencies can be entered for a short period of time for placing bets; the operator shall take appropriate measures to ensure that there is no further lingering beyond.

(2) Zoological gardens, zoos, botanical gardens and similar facilities are open to the public. An advance booking obligation applies in order to control access. The number of persons who may be permitted at the same time on the premises of the facilities referred to in sentence 1 shall be approved in advance by the competent district administration, in district-free cities by the city administration as a district regulatory authority. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 and the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 with the proviso that a medical face mask (OP mask) or a mask of the standards KN95/N95 or FFP2 or a comparable standard is to be worn in the interior of the respective facility and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1.

(3) On playgrounds, the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 has to be observed if possible. The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 applies to any adults present.

Part 6

Education and Culture

§ 12

Schools, State study seminars for teaching posts

(1) School activities including school sports and language courses during vacations shall take place according to the guidelines of the Ministry of Education in agreement with the ministry responsible for health affairs. The "Hygiene Plan-Corona for Schools in Rhineland-Palatinate", published on the website of the Ministry of Education in its current version, is to be applied; this includes the obligation to wear a mask according to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 as well as the contact tracing obligation according to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 in accordance with the "Hygiene Plan Corona for Schools in Rhineland-Palatinate". If the regular lessons cannot be provided as an in-

school tuition format due to the requirements laid out in sentences 1 and 2, the schools shall fulfill their educational and training mission through an educational program, which can be partaken in from home. Compulsory school attendance remains in force and is also fulfilled by partaking in the educational program which can be completed from home. Students, who do not attend on-site classes due to infection protection reasons, are to be provided with an educational program to be completed from home.

(2) In-class teaching is to be held at all schools in Rhineland-Palatinate as follows:

1. At elementary schools as well as in lower grades of the course of holistic education in special schools,
2. For school grades 5 and 6 of public schools,
3. In the other grades and classes of all schools.

Provided that a minimum distance of 1.5 meters can be maintained to others, regular in-class teaching shall be held; if this is not the case, in-class teaching shall take place in partitioned groups in rotation.

Notwithstanding sentence 1 the following examinations can be conducted:

1. Abitur examinations.
2. Other exams that cannot be delayed.
3. Final exams for other educational degrees for non-students as well preparation courses for these exams.

Para 1 sentences 4 and 5 apply. Emergency care shall be provided in accordance with Para. 6, provided that in-class teaching takes place in partitioned groups on a rotating basis. If the Ministry responsible for school and education matters provides for individual school types and grades to conduct in-class teaching in deviation from the first sentence, this provision shall remain in force.

(3) In addition to the regulations in paragraph 1, the obligation to wear a mask in accordance with § 1 Para. 3 Sentence 4 shall apply at all schools also during lessons; students in special education schools who cannot wear or tolerate a mask due to their special needs are exempt from this requirement without further verification. Exemptions from the obligation to wear a mask can be made for reasons of school organization or personal reasons to the extent necessary and for a limited period of time. This applies in particular during sports lessons and during breaks outdoors, for eating, and during examinations and course work. § Section 1 (4) Nos. 1 to 3 applies accordingly, provided that in case adherence to the mask requirement is impossible or unreasonable, this shall be shown credibly by a medical certificate which must as a minimum clearly state the reasons of the medical diagnosis and the reasons why the wearing of mouth/nose covering constitutes an unreasonable burden in the specific case. The fact that the medical certificate was presented, the doctor who issued it, and the period of validity of the certificate, if any, of the certificate may be documented in the student's file. Copying is not permitted. In the cases of sentence 2, a minimum distance of 1.5 meters to other persons must be maintained. Further details are regulated in the "Corona-Hygiene-Plan for Schools in Rhineland-Palatinate".

(4) The regulations for exemption from the obligation to wear masks apply accordingly to any exemption of students from the obligation to participate in on-site lessons.

(5) Deviations from the regulations stated in paragraph 1 are possible for schools in independent sponsorship; they require the approval of the school authority.

(6) If teaching is conducted in rotating divided groups of students, emergency school care shall be established. Students with special educational needs, or whose home learning circumstances are not sufficiently supportive, as well as students in grades 1 to 7, for whom care at home cannot be provided or can only be provided in part, can make use of the emergency care. Insofar as students make use of the emergency care in schools, an educational program adapted to the circumstances is to be implemented. Students, teachers and other persons in the emergency care are also subject to mask obligation laid out in § 1 Para. 3 Sentence 4.

(7) The conduct of in-class lectures and examinations at the state teacher education seminars for teachers shall comply to the requirements of the ministry responsible for teacher education and teacher training and shall be carried out in compliance with the "Corona-Hygiene-Plan for the teacher training colleges in Rhineland-Palatinate", published on the website of the Ministry of Education in its current version.

(8) The provisions of paragraphs 1 to 4 shall apply accordingly to schools for healthcare professions under the State Act on Healthcare Professions of July 7, 2009 (GVBl. p. 265, BS 2124-11), as amended, and to nursing schools under section 1(1) nos. 2 and 3 of the State Act on the Implementation of the Nursing Professions Act of June 3, 2020 (GVBl. p. 212, BS 2124-13), as amended. If the Ministry responsible for health matters stipulates that individual grades of the schools pursuant to sentence 1 are to be permitted to teach in person in deviation from the first sentence of subsection (2), this provision shall remain in force.

§ 13

Child day care facilities

(1) All day care facilities shall provide regular child care services in accordance with the provisions of sentences 2 to 4. To ensure compliance with the hygiene plans, the care offered may be restricted during drop-off and pick-up times, if necessary, in consultation with the parties responsible on site (carrier, management, parents' committee). This restriction may only apply for a limited period of time and in consent with the parties named above. The decision is to be communicated to all parties involved and reviewed after expiration of the deadline.

(2) Reference is made to the guidelines for operating day care facilities and the effective hygiene recommendations, published on the website of the German State Government website (www.corona.rlp.de), in their respective valid versions.

(3) Persons with existing SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus infection or who are a household member of an infected person, must refrain from attending the facility. In addition, the regulation of § 1 para. 1 sentence 6 applies to day-care facilities for children. Household members of category I

contact persons according to the definition by the Robert Koch Institute, who also show symptoms of COVID-19 disease, must stay away from the facility.

(4) Young people and adults accessing the facility or coming to the facility for pick-up or drop-off are subject to the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 Para. 3 Sent. 4, provided that a medical face mask (surgical mask) or a mask of the KN95/N95 or FFP2 standards or a comparable standard is worn. Masks are not required to be worn during educational interaction with pre-school children cared for in the facility. Notwithstanding § 1 para. 4 No. 1, the mask requirement shall not apply to children within their day care facility even after reaching the age of six; the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 shall apply to schoolchildren in day care as per § 6 of the Child Day Care Facilities Act of 15 March 1991 (GVBl. p. 79, BS 216-10), as amended. The mask requirement pursuant to sentence 1 shall not apply if exceptions pursuant to § 1 para. 4 Nos. 2 and 3 apply.

(5) As a rule, the election of the parents' committee shall be conducted as a postal vote if consistent compliance with the general protective measures, in particular the distance requirement pursuant to Para. 1 Section 2 Sent. 1, as well as the mask obligation as per Section 4 cannot be ensured on site.

Eligible voters, who cannot attend the voting events for epidemiological reasons, in particular persons as defined in Paragraph 3 or Paragraph 1 Section 1 Sentence 7, shall be given the opportunity to vote by postal ballot.

(6) Substitute staff employed IAW § 6 (5) of the State Ordinance on the Implementation of the Child Day Care Center Act of March 31, 1998 (GVBl. p. 124, BS 216-10- 2), as amended, shall not be counted toward the maximum time regulated under the State Ordinance on the Implementation of the Child Day Care Center Act as of March 16, 2020 until further notice.

§ 14

Universities, extracurricular education, training and further education

(1) If research and teaching activities at universities and publicly funded non-university research institutions do not take place digitally, the general protective measures shall be observed. The universities have to develop hygiene concepts for their institutions. In particular apply the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4, and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 can be deviated from if the research or teaching activity makes this absolutely necessary, especially if the subject field contains practical elements for which compliance with the distance requirement is not possible.

(2) Educational programs offered in public or private institutions outside the general and vocational schools as well as outside of learning locations pursuant to § 5 para. 2 No. 6 BBiG or § 26 para. 2 No. 6 HwO, which due to apprenticeship regulations or private agreements are an integral part of a training relationship in accordance with the Vocational Training Act and the Handcrafts Code, are permitted in person in the presence of a teacher and a participant at the same time; for a larger number of participants, these educational opportunities are only permitted digitally.

Notwithstanding sentence 1, the competent county administration, in county-free cities the city administration as a county regulatory authority may allow exceptions, in particular where the educational offers are of particular importance for a sustainable employability, a sustainable security of public safety and order, or for the maintenance of the proper operation of the public administration, medical care or pandemic management or tutoring or support lessons or vocational and study orientation for students, where educational institutions have adequate hygiene concepts, as a rule, no more than 20 students are present, and this is justifiable from an epidemiological point of view, in particular taking into account the current events of infection, and the purpose of this Ordinance is not affected.

Notwithstanding sentence 1, in public and private institutions non-deferrable examinations pursuant to § 37 and § 48 BBiG as well as pursuant to § 31, § 39, § 45 and § 51a HwO or comparable federal or state law regulated and non-deferrable tests as well as the preparatory measures compellingly required to carry out these tests, also, for example, in inter-company vocational training centers, are also allowed with more than one participant in physical presence subject to the general protective measures.

The same applies to

1. non-deferrable tests carried out on the basis of an ordinance pursuant to § 53, § 54 or § 58 of the BBiG or § 42 or § 42j HwO,
2. courses and examinations of the State courses "Language goal: German",
3. courses and examinations of integration classes, vocational language classes, initial orientation classes and MiA classes of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, including placement tests
4. Language classes and examinations that provide access to higher education or vocational training in Germany (so-called self-payer courses),
5. immigration tests as well as German courses and examinations, which are a prerequisite for taking a naturalization test,
6. literacy and basic education measures, and
7. final examinations at the administrative and economic academies, which allow access to higher education institutions,
8. First Aid Courses.

For all offers permitted in physical presence format pursuant to sentences 1 to 4, the hygiene concept for extracurricular education, continued education and training apply, particularly apply the distance requirement in pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. sentence 4 with the proviso that a medical face mask (OP mask) or a mask of the standards KN95/N95 or FFP2 or a comparable standard is to be worn and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1. § 1 para. 4 No. 1 to 3 apply accordingly, provided that the impossibility or unreasonableness of compliance with the mask requirement has to be made credible by a medical certificate, on which it has to be at least comprehensible, on what basis the medical diagnosis was made and on what grounds the wearing of a mask in the specific case constitutes an unreasonable burden. § 10 applies accordingly to sports and exercise activities in public and private facilities outside general and vocational schools.

(3) Paragraph 2 sentences 1 and 3 to 6 also apply to appropriate educational opportunities for individuals and to measures taken by service providers to provide employment integration benefits in accordance with Title Two of the Social Code or measures of active employment promotion according to Title Three of the Social Code, in addition to labor market policy projects, supported by national funds or funds of European Social Fund.

(4) Permitted in physical presence are

1. offers from driving schools and training providers for professional driver qualification and dangerous goods
2. training and further education of officially recognized experts or examiners for motor vehicle traffic and driving instructors or their auditing.
3. driving safety training

The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 as well as the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 apply with the proviso that a medical face mask (OP mask) or a mask of the standards KN95/N95 or FFP2 or a comparable standard is to be worn. During practical training, the minimum distance requirement does not apply if it cannot be complied with. Only the number of persons required for the respective offer may be in the vehicle. The sentences 1 to 4 apply to the offers from flight schools *mutatis mutandis*.

(5) Offers of child and youth work and youth social work are generally permitted in compliance with the hygiene concept for facilities and services for child and youth work and youth social work, which is published on the website of the state government (www.corona.rlp.de). The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 with the proviso that a medical face mask (OP mask) or a mask of the standards KN95/N95 or FFP2 or a comparable standard is to be worn.

(6) Extracurricular music and art lessons are permitted in physical presence of one teacher and one music student at the same time. This does not apply to activities associated with an increased aerosol emissions, such as singing lessons or wind instruments lessons. Activities that lead to increased aerosol emissions, such as singing lessons or wind instruments lessons, must take place outdoors. Outdoors, extracurricular music and art classes are allowed in groups of up to 20 children up to and including 14 years of age and a teacher. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4, and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 apply.

§ 15 Culture

(1) Closed are public and commercial cultural institutions, in particular

1. cinemas, theaters, concert halls, cabarets, and similar facilities
2. circuses and similar facilities.

unless otherwise specified in this Ordinance.

(2) The rehearsal operation of the grassroots and amateur culture is only permitted outdoors and only within the scope of the contact limitation pursuant to § 2 para. 1. Outdoors, rehearsal is

permitted for groups of up to 20 children up to and including 14 years of age and one person over 14 years of age; the obligation to register contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 applies. In the music field, the hygiene concept of music within the meaning of § 1 para. 10 applies, in the rest of the cultural sector the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 and the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4. The performance of the grassroots and amateur culture is prohibited.

(3) The rehearsal as well as performances without an audience for recording or transmission of professional cultural offers is permitted, subject to compliance with the general protective measures. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 between the participating persons can be reduced during the rehearsal or performance without audience; this does not apply to the rehearsal as well as performances without an audience for recording or transmission of choirs, vocals, wind orchestras, trombone choirs and other ensembles with wind instruments. Activities that lead to increased aerosol emissions should, where possible, take place outdoors.

(4) Museums, exhibitions, memorials and similar facilities are open to the public. An advance booking obligation applies in order to control access. The number of persons who may be permitted at the same time on the premises of the facilities referred to in sentence 1 shall be approved in advance by the competent district administration, in district-free cities by the city administration as a district regulatory authority. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 and the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 with the proviso that a medical face mask (OP mask) or a mask of the standards KN95/N95 or FFP2 or a comparable standard is to be worn and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1.

Part 7

Hospitals and similar Institutions

§ 16

Visiting and Access Regulations for Special Institutions

(1) Facilities pursuant to Section 23 (3) No. 1 and 3 to 7 IfSG, except hospices, may not be entered for the purpose of visiting patients.

(2) Access to

1. Specialist hospitals for psychiatry with the exception of specialist hospitals for Gerontopsychiatry,

2. Psychosomatic specialist hospitals and

3. Specialized child and adolescent psychiatric hospitals, each including the associated day hospitals, shall be decided by the management of the respective institution.

(3) Paragraph 1 shall not apply to

1. Parents visiting their minor child
2. The spouse, life partner, fiancée, other close relatives or individuals close to the patient
(Connotation: The state government states in the applicable FAQ's: "individuals close to the patient" can be neighbors or friends with whom the resident had regular contact even before the Corona pandemic. This group of people can also include voluntary employees of the facility or an organization outside the facility with whom the resident has close and familiar contact.)
3. Pastoral workers who visit the institution in this function,
4. Lawyers and notaries who visit the institution in this capacity
5. Legal guardians, insofar as personal contact is required to fulfill the tasks assigned to them in accordance with § 1896 of the German Civil Code; authorized representatives are legal guardians equal,
6. Other persons to whom access must be granted by virtue of sovereign duties,
7. Therapeutic or medically necessary visits.

(4) Paragraph 3 shall not apply to persons who

1. Are contact persons of categories I and II as defined by the Robert Koch Institute,
2. Are already infected with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2
3. Show symptoms of a respiratory tract infection, or
4. Have entered the country in accordance with § 19 as long as there is an isolation obligation; the exceptions of § 20 are not applicable.

(5) The facilities shall, in individual cases, also subject to conditions, permit exceptions to the prohibition of entry under paragraph 1 or to the restriction under paragraph 4 if a special legitimate interest exists. A special legitimate interest exists in particular when accompanying the seriously ill or dying or accompanying births. The facilities must take the necessary hygienic protective measures and monitor compliance with them. Minors under 16 years of age and persons with recognizable respiratory tract infections are not allowed to enter a facility according to paragraph 1.

(6) Employees of a facility referred to in paragraph 1 who, as part of their work, have direct contact with patients of the facility and have been in isolation in accordance with the State Ordinance on the Isolation of Persons Infected or Suspected of Being Infected with the SARS-CoV-2 Coronavirus and their Household Members and Contacts of 12 February 2021, as in effect at the time, may only enter the facility after the end of isolation if they have been tested for SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus by means of a molecular biology polymerase chain reaction (PCR

test) or a PoC antigen test by trained personnel with a negative result. The proof according to sentence 1 must be provided on paper or in an electronic document, in German, English or French. The smear used as a basis for the test result as per sentence 1 must be taken as follows:

1. in the case of a PCR test, on the first symptom-free day, but no earlier than on the eleventh day of isolation,
2. in the case of a PoC antigen test, by trained personnel on the first symptom-free day, but not earlier than the 14th day of isolation.

(7) If entry to a facility referred to in paragraph 1 is permitted under the provisions of paragraphs 2, 3 and 5, appropriate measures must nevertheless be taken to ensure that employees and other persons in the respective facilities are not endangered.

§ 17 Hospitals

(1) Hospitals included in the Hospital Plan of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate 2019 to 2025, the University Medical School of Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz and hospitals with a care contract pursuant to Section 109 of Book 5 of the Social Security Law (Sozialgesetzbuch), which were equipped with intensive care beds with ventilation capability as of April 29, 2020, and which are registered and listed in the register of the German Interdisciplinary Association for Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine (DIVI Register), have to reserve their intensive care beds with ventilation capability to the extent necessary, but in each case at least 20 % of their capacity and the treatment capacities of normal care in isolation wards to the extent necessary, including the personnel required for care and treatment, at all times for the care and treatment of patients with COVID-19 disease.

(2) Should an increase in the reproductive rate of infections with the coronavirus SARSCoV-2 make this necessary according to the determination of the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labor, Health and Demography, the hospitals referred to in paragraph 1 shall, within 72 hours after this determination, organize and maintain additional intensive care beds with ventilation facilities, including the personnel necessary for care and treatment, for the care and treatment of patients with a COVID-19 disease.

(3) The hospitals shall draw up individual organizational concepts that allow for a dynamic adaptation of capacities to the infection occurrence and shall notify the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labor, Health and Demography of these concepts.

(4) The coordination in the five supply areas according to the Hospital Plan of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate 2019 to 2025, a continuous monitoring of the occurrence of infections, in particular of the current development of the infection rates and the reproduction rate of the information of the DIVI Registry, as well as the continuous exchange of information with the cooperating hospitals of maximum and priority care in the five supply areas shall be carried out in close coordination with the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labor, Health and Demography, by the hospitals to which this has been delegated by the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labor, Health and Demography in its decision of 30 March 2020 as a special task.

§ 18
Registration of treatment capacities

(1) For the central state-wide information of the state government and for the coordination of the treatment capacities, all institutions active in the care of patients with a COVID-19 disease have to record continuously, at least once a day, the COVID-19 case numbers, the occupied and available intensive care beds as well as the occupied and available ventilation places and report these data electronically to the information system "Central Statewide Treatment Capacities (ZLB)" of the states of Rhineland-Palatinate and Saarland and to the COVID-19 Register Rhineland-Palatinate.

(2) The management of facilities in accordance with paragraph 3 which have equipment suitable for the invasive or non-invasive ventilation of humans (ventilators) are obliged to report the following to the health authority responsible for their facility without delay

1. The name and address of the institution
2. The number of their ventilators,
3. The manufacturer and the type designation of their ventilators,
4. Information on the functionality of your ventilators,
5. Contact persons and contact details, so that the equipment is ensured, and
6. Any change with regard to the reported data on numbers 1 to 5. The facilities referred to in paragraph 3 Nos. 4 and 5 shall be exempt from the reporting obligation pursuant to sentence 1 provided that they have already submitted this information in another appropriate form to the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labor, Health and Demography.

(3) Facilities within the meaning of paragraph 2 sentence 1 are in particular:

1. Facilities for outpatient surgery,
2. Inpatient and outpatient preventive or rehabilitation facilities,
3. Dialysis facilities,
4. Authorized hospitals according to § 108 of the Fifth Book of the Social Security Code,
5. Private hospitals in accordance with § 30 para. 1 sentence 1 of the German Trade, Commerce and Industry Regulation Act (Gewerbeordnung), unless they are at the same time an approved hospital in accordance with § 108 of Book 5 of the Social Security Code,
6. Treatment or supply facilities which are connected to any of the establishments listed in points 1 to 5 or comparable with hospitals,

7. Facilities for outpatient deliveries according to § 24 f of the Fifth Book of the Social Security Law,

8. Medical and dental practices,

9. Practices of other human medical health care professions,

10. Veterinary hospitals and similar institutions,

11. Medical supply stores and

12. Health and nursing care insurance companies.

(4) The public health authorities are obliged to forward issue notifications according to paragraph 2 sentence 1 No. 6 immediately to the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labor, Health and Demography.

Part 8

Quarantine Measures for Arrivals and Returnees and Group-related Measures

§ 19

Isolation for arrivals and returnees, observation

(1) Persons entering Rheinland-Pfalz by land, sea, or air from abroad who, at any time in the 10 days prior to entry, have been in an area classified as a risk area within the meaning of § 2 para. 17 IfSG with an increased risk of infection with the SARS SARS-CoV-2 (risk area) at the time of entry, are, after entry, required to resort to their main or secondary dwelling or to any other accommodation enabling isolation without delay and by direct route and to stay continuously isolated there for 10 days after entry; this also applies to persons who entered another state of the Federal Republic of Germany at first. In the case of arrivals who have stayed in a virus-variant area within the meaning of § 3 para. 2 sentence 1 No. 2 of the Coronavirus Entry Ordinance of 13 January 2021 (BAnzAT 13 January 2021 V1) as amended, the duration of the isolation shall be 14 days, notwithstanding sentence 1. During this period, persons mentioned in the sentence 1 and 2 are not permitted to have visits from other persons who do not belong to their household.

(2) Persons covered by paragraph 1 sentence 1 and 2 are obliged to inform the competent Public Health Office without delay if typical symptoms of infection with coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 such as cough, fever, cold or loss of smell and taste occur within ten days of entry.

(3) During the isolation period the persons referred to in paragraph 1, sentence 1 and 2 shall be subject to surveillance by the responsible Public Health Office.

(4) Persons who are newly admitted to a reception center for asylum seekers in the country or readmitted after a prolonged absence, are obliged to move to an assigned accommodation and to

isolate there permanently for a period of 10 days; paragraph 1 sentence 2 applies mutatis mutandis. Under § 47 of the Asylum Act, persons obliged to reside in such a reception center are obliged to inform the institution of the reception center immediately if symptoms occur, indicating an infection with the coronavirus SARSCoV-2 in accordance with the current criteria of the Robert Koch Institute, to move to assigned, suitable accommodation and to stay continuously isolated there until the presentation of a test result about a possible infection with the coronavirus SARSCoV-2. The host facility shall inform the competent Public Health Office of this matter without delay. The reception center may at any time assign new accommodation areas to the persons concerned and may allow exceptions from the requirements under sentences 1 and 2.

(5) Persons who are newly admitted to a reception center for asylum seekers in the country or readmitted after a prolonged absence shall immediately after admission at the request of the competent Public Health Office or the reception institution present a medical certificate in accordance with sentences 2 and 3 that they have no evidence of the presence of an infection with the Coronavirus SARS CoV 2. The medical certificate must be in writing in German, in English or in the French language. The underlying test must meet the requirements of the Robert Koch Institute, published on the internet at the address <https://www.rki.de/covid19-tests>. The testing shall not have been carried out more than 48 hours prior to admission to the reception facility. If such a certificate is not presented, the named persons are obliged to tolerate the medical examination for the presence of an infection with the coronavirus SARS CoV-2. This includes a molecular biological test for the presence of an infection with the coronavirus SARS CoV-2, including a smear for the extraction of the sample material.

§ 20 Exceptions

(1) § 19 para. 1 sentence 1 and 2 do not apply to

1. persons who enter the State of Rhineland-Palatinate only for transit; they have to leave the territory of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate on the fastest way to complete the transit.
2. persons transporting across borders persons, goods or merchandise by road, rail, ship or air for professional reasons, subject to compliance with adequate protection and hygiene concepts,
3. stays of less than 72 hours and subject to compliance with adequate protection and hygiene concepts hours, concerning persons, whose activities are urgently necessary and indispensable for the maintenance of health care, and this is certified by the employer or client, or
4. persons, subject to compliance with adequate protection and hygiene concepts,
 - a) residing in the Land of Rhineland-Palatinate who, for the purpose of practicing their profession, studies or training, go to their place of occupation, study or training in a risk area and return regularly, at least once a week, to their place of residence (outbound cross-border commuter); or

b) who have their residence in a risk area and who, for the purpose of practicing their profession, studies or training, go to the Land of Rhineland-Palatinate and return to their place of residence regularly, at least once a week (inbound cross-border commuter);

The absolute necessity as well as compliance with adequate protection and hygiene concepts shall be certified by the employer, the client or the educational institution.

(2) Unless they are arrivals who have stayed in a virus-variant area within the meaning of § 3 para. 2 sentence 1 No. 2 of the Corona Entry Ordinance, § 19 para. 1 sentence 1 does not apply to

1. persons who have spent less than 72 hours in a risk area or who enter the Federal Republic of Germany for up to 24 hours from a risk area,

2. stays of less than 72 hours concerning

a) persons entering on the basis of visiting first-degree relatives, a spouse or partner not belonging to the same household, or shared custody or parental visitation,

b) high-ranking members of the diplomatic and consular service, of people's representatives and governments, subject to compliance with adequate protection and hygiene concepts.

(3) Unless they are arrivals who have stayed in a virus-variant area within the meaning of § 3 para. 2 sentence 1 No. 2 of the Corona Entry Ordinance, § 19 para. 1 sentence 1 does not apply to

1. persons, whose activity is indispensable for keeping up

a) the functioning of the health service, in particular doctors, nurses, supportive medical staff and 24-hour care personnel;

b) public safety and order;

c) the maintenance of diplomatic and consular relations;

d) the functioning of the administration of justice (including Notars and law firms);

e) the functioning of the representation of the people, the government and the Federal, State, and municipalities administration; or

f) the functioning of the institutions of the European Union and of international organizations;

the indispensability must be certified by the employer or client,

2. persons who enter

a) for visiting first or second degree relatives, the spouse or life partner not belonging to the same household, or for exercising shared custody or parental visitation

b) for an urgent medical treatment or

c) in support or care for a person in need of protection or assistance.

3. persons who return as law enforcement personnel from their mission or mission like duties abroad.

4. persons who have been for up to 5 days based on absolute necessary and urgent professionally caused reasons, due to their training or studies in a risk area or who enter the Federal territory, the absolute necessity and urgent professional cause shall be certified by the employer, client or the educational institution.

5. persons who are accredited by the respective organizing committee for the preparation, participation, implementation and follow-up of international sporting events or who are invited by a federal sports federation to take part in training and training activities,

6. persons who return as vacationer from a risk area and who took a test at their holiday destination with a negative result in relation to an infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 immediately before returning, provided that:

a) based on an agreement between the Federal Republic of Germany and the local national government concerned, special epidemiological precautions (protection and hygiene concept) have been taken for a holiday in this risk area (see, website of the Federal Foreign Office [<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de>] as well as the Robert Koch Institute [<https://www.rki.de>]),

b) the infection situation in the relevant risk area does not stand against non-compliance with the obligation pursuant to § 19 para. 1 sentence 1, and

c) the Foreign Office did not issue a travel warning for the affected region due to an increased risk of infection under <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/ReiseUndSicherheit/reise-und-sicherheitshinweise>, or

7. persons, who arrive for study or training purposes for a stay of at least three months; this has to be certified by the employer or the educational institution.

Sentence 1 only applies to persons who have fulfilled the obligations applicable to them pursuant to § 3 para. 1 sentence 1 or paragraph 2 sentence 1 No. 1 of the Corona Entry Ordinance and who submit the medical certificate or test result on the absence of an infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 immediately upon request within ten days of entry to the competent authority. The test result in accordance with the sentence 2 shall be kept for at least ten days after entry.

(4) Unless they are arrivals who have stayed in a virus-variant area within the meaning of § 3 para. 2 sentence 1 No. 2 of the Corona Entry Ordinance, § 19 para. 1 sentence 1 does not apply to

1. persons subject § 54 a IfSG

2. members of foreign forces within the meaning of the NATO Status Forces Agreement, the NATO Partnership for Peace Status of Forces Agreement (PfP SOFA), and the European Union Status of Forces Agreement (EU SOFA) who enter or return to Germany for official purposes, or

3. persons who, for the purpose of taking up work for at least three weeks, enter the Federal territory, provided that special occupational hygiene measures and contact prevention arrangements are taken outside the working group at the place of their accommodation and activity during the first 10 days after their entry, which are comparable to isolation pursuant to § 19 para. 1 sentence 1, and the abandonment of accommodation is only permitted for the performance of their activity; the employer shall inform the competent authority before the work starts and shall document the measures taken, the competent authority shall verify compliance.

(5) In justified cases, the competent Public Health Office may, upon request, allow further exceptions in the event of a valid reason.

(6) Paragraphs 1 to 5 apply only if the persons referred to therein do not experience typical symptoms of an infection with the coronavirus SARS CoV-2 such as cough, fever, cold or loss of smell and taste. If within 10 days of entry persons subject to paragraph 1 No. 2 through No. 4 or the paragraphs 2 to 5 experience typical symptoms of an infection with the coronavirus SARS CoV-2, such as cough, fever, cold or loss of smell and taste, such a person shall immediately consult a doctor or a test center for a test for the presence of an infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2.

§ 21

Shortening of Isolation Period

(1) Unless they are arrivals who have stayed in a virus-variant area within the meaning of § 3 para. 2 sentence 1 No. 2 of the Coronavirus Entry Ordinance in the 10 days prior to their entry, the isolation pursuant to § 19 para. 1 sentence 1 shall end no earlier than the fifth day after entry, if a person has a medical certificate or test result regarding the absence of an infection with coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 on paper or in an electronic document in German, English or French and submits it to the competent Public Health Office immediately upon request within ten days of entry. A shortening of the isolation pursuant to sentence 1 is not possible for travelers who have been in a virus-variant area within the meaning of § 3 para. 2 sentence 1 No. 2 of the Coronavirus Entry Ordinance in the last ten days prior to their entry.

(2) The test underlying the medical certificate or test result referred to in paragraph 1 shall not have been carried out until five days after entry into the Federal Republic of Germany. The underlying test must meet the requirements of the Robert Koch Institute, published on the internet at the address <https://www.rki.de/covid19-tests>

(3) The person shall keep the medical certificate or test result pursuant to paragraph 1 for at least 10 days after entry.

(4) Isolation pursuant to § 19 para. 1 sentence 1 is suspended for the duration necessary to carry out a test referred to in paragraph 1.

(5) If within 10 days of entry a person subject to paragraph 1 experiences typical symptoms of an infection with the coronavirus SARS CoV-2, such as cough, fever, cold or loss of smell and

taste, that person shall immediately consult a doctor or a test center for a test for the presence of an infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2.

(6) Paragraphs 1 to 5 shall apply to persons subject to § 20 para. 4 No. 3 *mutatis mutandis*.'

§ 22

Group-related Measures

In the case of special group-related work and accommodation situations, in particular seasonal workers who work and live in groups or who travel for the purpose of taking up an activity in a group, the employer has to notify the competent authority before work commences. The employer shall take and document special occupational hygiene measures and arrangements for contact avoidance outside the working group based on the relevant technical standards, in particular in accordance with the competent professional association. The competent authority shall verify compliance. Rooms shall only be occupied with a maximum of half the usual occupancy capacity; this restriction does not apply to families.

Part 9

General Decrees

§ 23

(1) General Orders of the county administrations, in district-free cities of the city administration as county regulatory authorities for the control of the Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 in accordance with the Infection Prevention and Control Act are to be issued in agreement with the competent Ministry dealing with health matters.

(2) Paragraph 1 does not apply to general orders which regulate the local and temporal scope of a mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 3.

(3) Counties and county-free cities, where the number of new infections within seven days relating to 100,000 inhabitants according to the publications of the Robert Koch Institute (7-day incidence) is between 50 and 100 for three days in a row, shall issue a general decree on the following working day, with effect from the earliest possible date based on the Model General Decree for counties and county-free with a 7-day incidence between 50 and 100 (Annex 2). , which contains additional protective measures in relation to the provisions of this Ordinance with regard to the provisions in § 5 and § 10 para. 1 and § 15 para. 2. These general decrees shall not be lifted until the 7-day incidence of the county or county-free city has been below 50 for at least seven days in a row. In special exceptional atypical cases, in particular where the event of infection is fully limited, deviating general orders may also be issued in agreement with the Ministry responsible for health matters.

(4) Counties and county-free cities, where the 7-day incidence within three days in a row exceeds the mark of 100, shall issue a general decree on the following business day, with effect from the earliest possible date based on the Model General Decree for counties and county-free with a 7-

day incidence of more than 100 (Annex 3). , which contains additional protective measures in relation to the provisions of this Ordinance with regard to the provisions in § 2 para. 1 sentence 1, § 5 and § 6 paras 3 and 4, § 7 para. 2, § 10 para. 1, § 11 para. 2 and § 15 paras. 2 and 4. These general decrees shall not be lifted until the 7-day incidence of the county or county-free city has been below 100 for at least seven days in a row. If the conditions set forth in paragraph 3 are met, the counties and county-free cities have to issue general decrees based on the Model General Decree (Annex 2), effective immediately following the lifting of the general decree referred to in the sentence 1. In special exceptional atypical cases, in particular where the event of infection is fully limited, deviating general orders may also be issued in agreement with the Ministry responsible for health matters.

(5) If the general decrees of the counties or county-free cities also contain provisions concerning schools, these shall be agreed in advance with the school inspectorate.

Part 10

Administrative Fines, Entering into Force, Expiration

§ 24

Administrative offences

An administrative offence within the meaning of § 73 para. 1 (a) No. 24 of the Infection Prevention and Control Act is committed by anyone who intentionally or negligently

[No. 1 to 109. - not translated]

§ 74 IfSG [Infection Prevention and Control Act] remains unaffected.

§ 25

Entry into force, expiration

(1) This Decree shall enter into force on 22 March 2021 and shall expire at the end of 11 April 2021.

(2) The Seventeenth Corona Control Ordinance Rhineland-Palatinate of 5 March 2021 (...), shall expire at the end of 21 March 2021.

Done at Mainz on 20 March 2021

Sabine Bätzing-Lichtenthäler

The Minister for Social Affairs, Labor, Health and Demography